

**CITY OF BRIDGMAN  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 15, 2021  
6:30 PM**

The regular meeting of the Bridgman City Planning Commission was held on July 15, 2021 at City Hall, 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI and called to order by Vice-Chair Parsons at 6:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** John Truesdell, Tom Woerdehoff, Steve Parsons, Richard Kading, Dorothea Crocker Gene Herrman (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mark Hurray

**STAFF PRESENT:** City Clerk Holm, Building Official Mattner

Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board.

**APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA:**

**Motion** by Member Kading, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the agenda for July 15, 2021 as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Member Crocker, seconded by Member Woerdehoff to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes as presented, **voice vote, motion carried unanimously.**

**HEARING OF CITIZENS:**

- No one wished to be heard.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Vice-Chair Parsons opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. and read aloud the purpose of the public hearing:

The parcel located at 9470 Red Arrow Highway (Parcel ID 11-56-0018-0037-04-8) has historically been zoned for commercial use. In 2017 the City adopted a new zoning ordinance which incorrectly changed the parcel's zoning classification from commercial to open space. The Planning Commission recently identified the mistake and is seeking to correct it by reverting the parcel's zoning classification to Corridor Commercial District.

All the information has been presented at a previous meeting so there was no further discussion had by the board. No one in the audience wished to speak. The only correspondence received was from the property owner which was previously shared with the board.

Vice-Chair Parsons closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Member Truesdell asked if there was anyway to double check the current zoning map for additional errors. Building Official Mattner stated there was another error found when creating the Interstate Gateway District that was corrected, but there is no easy way to check through the entire map.

Member Herrman arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**Motion** by Member Woerdehoff, seconded by Member Kading to approve the map amendment for the parcel located at 9470 Red Arrow Highway (Parcel ID 11-56-0018-0037-04-8) to revert back the parcel's zoning classification from Open Space "OS" to Corridor Commercial District "CC",

Roll Call:

Yeas: Crocker, Woerdehoff, Parsons, Kading, Herrman, Truesdell

Nays: None

Absent: Hurray

Motion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **Marijuana survey – discuss chair's presentation to City Council and next steps**

Members Herrman and Parsons both attended the regular city council meeting held on July 6, 2021.

They went through the comments of the council and what they would like the Planning Commission to do next:

- The council did not like that the first question in the marijuana survey was a "yes" or "no" question where if someone chose "no", then it would take you to the end of the survey.
- The survey did not gather enough data from just the City of Bridgman residents.
- More information needs to go out to the residents on the different types of licenses to better educate them.
- The council would like the board to reach out to different municipalities that have marijuana businesses to see how they are working out in their community and what the impacts are.

The board discussed what council would like from them and talked about the following:

- Vice-Chair Parsons talked about possibly putting the marijuana information on a ballot at the next election to obtain more information from just the city residents. Member Truesdell stated that process would be circumventing the council which is not what they were asking of the board. He asked Clerk Holm to obtain information on the process of getting something on a ballot and share it with the board.
- The board talked about getting more information out to the residents about the different types of marijuana licenses in an upcoming Community Buzz or sending out information to every city resident in a mailer. Holm stated the information could be mailed out along with the winter tax bills for a nominal charge, or they could be sent out at any time. Holm was asked to find out the difference in cost to do it each way.
- The board would like the information that Attorney Senica gave them a couple years ago on the different license types. Holm was asked to send that information out to the board again.
- The board talked about going out to the different municipalities in groups. Information will need to be put together first so everyone will be asking the same questions.
- Information could be placed on the city's website that explains the different types of marijuana licenses.

- The board talked about doing another survey and how to go about it. Member Truesdell said that he will work with Ganum on a reworking the survey and bring it back to the board to review.

**STAFF UPDATE:**

There was no staff update given. Mattner was asked about an update on Casey's and the Dominion property. He said there has been no further progress with Dominion. He supposedly sent in storm water plans to the Berrien County Drain Commission, but he has not heard any more. He does not have any updates on Casey's at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Member Herrman, seconded by Member Kading to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m., **voice vote, motion carried.**

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Tom Woerdehoff, Secretary

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Allyson Holm, City Clerk/Recording Secretary